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# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

### Crop Growth Continues

Crops in isolated areas of the state showed stress due to minimal rainfall this past week. However, **corn** and **soybeans** were reported in mostly good to excellent condition. Rain over the weekend not only aided field corn development, but will help with the regrowth of hay. **Hay** second cutting is now 71 percent complete; just slightly ahead of the 67 percent five-year average. Some vegetable growers are concerned about harvest quantity and quality in areas affected by heavy rains earlier in the summer. There were 5.5 days suitable for field work.

**Fruits** were rated in mostly good condition. For the week ending July 23rd, **Apples** were rated 1 percent fair and 99 percent good while **peaches** were rated 8 percent fair, 84 percent good, and 8 percent excellent.

**Pasture** condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 17 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 5 percent very short, 12 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 23, 2006

Item		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
<b>Small Grain Development</b>		<i>Percent</i>			
<b>Winter Wheat: Harvested</b>		95	87	91	93
<b>Field Crops</b>					
<b>Corn:</b>	<b>Dough</b>	12	3	8	15
	<b>Silked</b>	74	59	74	68
<b>Soybeans:</b>	<b>Emerged</b>	93	90	100	100
	<b>Blooming</b>	17	13	41	31
	<b>Setting Pods</b>	5	2	5	8
<b>Hay</b>					
<b>Alfalfa Hay</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Cutting</b>	92	88	99	90
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Cutting</b>	27	9	46	32
<b>Other Hay</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Cutting</b>	71	52	74	67
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Cutting</b>	2	0	6	15
<b>Vegetables Harvested</b>					
<b>Cantaloups</b>		21	18	22	26
<b>Cucumbers</b>		40	34	48	41
<b>Lima Beans</b>		65	60	22	19
<b>Potatoes</b>		55	50	31	29
<b>Snap Beans</b>		60	55	65	50
<b>Sweet Corn</b>		30	23	31	38
<b>Tomatoes</b>		23	20	15	20
<b>Watermelons</b>		8	6	17	12
<b>Fruits Harvested</b>					
<b>Apples</b>		5	0	7	3
<b>Peaches</b>		28	20	21	19

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 23, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
<b>Very Short</b>	-	-	9	-	-	11
<b>Short</b>	3	2	22	3	1	19
<b>Adequate</b>	79	76	59	84	86	62
<b>Surplus</b>	18	22	10	13	13	8

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 23, 2006

	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.13	20.33	-2.43	99	68	83	6
Frederick	0.80	23.46	0.96	96	67	80	7
Frostburg	0.70	20.58	-6.90	90	60	74	7
Hagerstown	0.40	19.76	-2.10	93	66	79	5
Mechanicsville	2.14	22.40	-3.18	94	67	80	4
Patuxent River	0.38	16.53	-6.58	95	70	81	6
Ocean City	1.23	16.85	-7.90	91	69	80	4
Salisbury	1.52	23.07	-1.74	96	65	80	3
Sharpsburg	0.71	22.24	-0.26	95	65	79	6
Stevensville	0.99	23.24	-0.37	96	69	82	6
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.34	28.65	7.54	97	71	83	3
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	2.90	23.27	-0.99	95	70	82	5
Georgetown	1.28	25.11	1.23	97	69	81	5
Wilmington	0.97	27.20	3.87	97	68	82	5

<sup>1</sup> Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.  
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.